To the Honorable the General Assembly in and for the State of N. Carolina

The petition of Amy Gilmore respectfully sheweth that she intermarried with one Stephen Gilmore some time in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighteen with whom she fondly hoped to spend her life in peace Harmony and conjugal affection. That shortly after their ~~intermarriage~~ intermarriage he removed your petitioner to the State of Georgia where they lived together peacibly and quietly for a little upwards of twelve months when the said Stephen gave himself up to habits of intoxication; and became most cruel and abusive to your petitioner which cruelty and abuse he kept up for something like four years by frequently beating and whipping her the marks and scars of which she carries on her person to this day — Your petitioner further shews that during the time she lived with the said Stephen (which was between five and six years he several times shot at her with a gun; and more than once, but for a providential interference as your petitioner believes would have killed her And your petitioner further sheweth that she has allways been at a loss and is still at a loss to know why the said Stephen maltreated and abused her unless the reason is to be found in his constant and excessive intemperance — for she avers that during all the time she lived with him which was between five and six years she sedulously endeavored to discharge her several duties towards him with promptness and facility; for the proof of which she refers your Honorable Body to the accompanying certificate from the State of Georgia your petitioner further sheweth that in consequence of the abuse she received and the threats made against